

SY 2011-12 CRDC Definitions

Part 1 and Part 2

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Following are definitions for terms used throughout the Civil Rights Data Collection.

Term	Definition
Ability grouped	<p>Ability grouping is the pedagogical practice of separating students into different classrooms within a grade, based on their estimated achievement or ability levels.</p> <p>Ability grouping includes students pulled out of regular mathematics or English/reading/ language arts classes for Title I purposes in these subject areas.</p> <p>In this survey, ability grouping does NOT include grouping by achievement level on the basis of required prerequisites for certain courses (for instance, Algebra I as a prerequisite for Algebra II) or programs or services for students with disabilities served under IDEA.</p>
Absent (for teachers)	<p>A teacher is absent if he or she is not in attendance on a day in the regular school year when the teacher would otherwise be expected to be teaching students in an assigned class. This includes both days taken for sick leave and days taken for personal leave. Personal leave includes voluntary absences for reasons other than sick leave. Do not include administratively approved leave for professional development, field trips or other off-campus activities with students.</p>
ACT	<p>The ACT sponsored by ACT, Inc. (formerly the American College Testing Program). The ACT is a nationally recognized assessment used to indicate college preparedness.</p>
Advanced mathematics	<p>Advanced mathematics includes the following: trigonometry, trigonometry/algebra, trigonometry/analytic geometry, trigonometry/math analysis, analytic geometry, math analysis, math analysis/analytic geometry, probability and statistics, and precalculus.</p> <p>Trigonometry courses prepare students for eventual work in calculus, and typically include the following topics: trigonometric and circular functions; their inverses and graphs; relations among the parts of a triangle; trigonometric identities and equations; solutions of right and oblique triangles; and complex numbers.</p> <p>Analytic geometry courses include the study of the nature and intersection of lines and planes in space.</p> <p>Math analysis courses include the study of polynomial, logarithmic, exponential, and rational functions and their graphs; vectors; set theory; Boolean algebra and symbolic logic; mathematical induction; matrix algebra; sequences and series; and limits and continuity.</p> <p>Probability and statistics courses introduce the study of likely events and the analysis, interpretation, and presentation of quantitative data.</p> <p>Precalculus courses combine the study of trigonometry, elementary functions, analytic geometry, and math analysis topics as preparation for calculus.</p>
Advanced Placement (AP)	<p>Advanced Placement (AP) is a program sponsored by the College Board through which high school students can earn college credit and advanced college placement.</p>
Advanced Placement – different courses	<p>Courses listed by the College Board as preparation for AP tests; the list is available at http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html.</p> <p><i>Different courses</i> does not refer to the number of classes offered. As examples, Biology and Chemistry are different; Calculus AB and Calculus BC are different; but multiple classes in Calculus AB are not different.</p>
Advanced Placement – self selection	<p>See <i>Self selection</i>.</p>
Advanced Placement – subjects	<p>AP mathematics courses include calculus (AB and BC) and statistics.</p> <p>AP science courses include biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science.</p> <p>AP foreign language courses include any foreign language for which AP testing is offered.</p> <p>AP courses in “other subjects” include all AP courses other than mathematics, science, and foreign language. AP computer science is included in “other subjects.”</p>
Advanced Placement – test passing	<p>For the purpose of the CRDC, a score of 3 or higher on an AP examination is considered passing</p>
Algebra I	<p>Algebra I is a course that includes the study of properties and operations of the real number system; evaluating rational algebraic expressions; solving and graphing first degree equations and inequalities; translating word problems into equations; operations with and factoring of polynomials; and solving simple quadratic equations.</p>
Algebra II	<p>Algebra II course topics typically include field properties and theorems; set theory; operations with rational and irrational expressions; factoring of rational expressions; in-depth study of linear equations and inequalities; quadratic equations; solving systems of linear and quadratic equations; graphing of constant, linear, and quadratic equations; properties of higher degree equations; and operations with rational and irrational exponents.</p>

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Alternative school	An alternative school is a public elementary or secondary school that addresses the needs of students that typically cannot be met in a regular school and provides nontraditional education which falls outside of the categories of regular education, special education, vocational education, gifted or talented or magnet school programs. This definition includes schools that are adjunct to a regular school, e.g., are located on the same campus as a regular school but have a separate principal or administrator.
AP	Advanced Placement
Athletics	See <i>Interscholastic athletics</i> .
Attendance school	The school that the student actually attends for more than half of his or her school day. The Department recognizes that districts and states may identify students with schools in various ways, such as their membership school, their attendance school, their funding school, their accountability (AYP) school, etc. For the purposes of CRDC, students must ALWAYS be counted in the school where they actually, physically attend for more than 50% of the school day. If a student attends two schools, each for exactly 50% of his or her school day, then count that student at the "regular" school, rather than at the school of a special program, such as a vocational program.
Beginning of year	Status at the beginning of the school year for that LEA, usually used for survey items that involve policy or course offerings.
Biology	Biology courses are designed to provide information regarding the fundamental concepts of life and life processes. These courses include (but are not restricted to) such topics as cell structure and function, general plant and animal physiology, genetics, and taxonomy.
Calculus	Calculus courses include the study of derivatives, differentiation, integration, the definite and indefinite integral, and applications of calculus. Typically, students have previously attained knowledge of precalculus topics (some combination of trigonometry, elementary functions, analytic geometry, and math analysis).
Certification	See Teacher meeting all state licensing/certification requirements.
Charter school or LEA	A school or LEA that provides free public elementary and/or secondary education to eligible students under a specific charter granted by a recognized public chartering agency.
Chemistry	Chemistry courses involve studying the composition, properties, and reactions of substances. These courses typically explore such concepts as the behaviors of solids, liquids, and gases; acid/base and oxidation/reduction reactions; and atomic structure. Chemical formulas and equations and nuclear reactions are also studied.
Civil Rights Law	Civil rights law refers to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, • Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. • Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. See each of these.
Classroom teacher	A teacher that provides instruction, learning experiences, and care to students during a particular time period or in a given discipline. School principals and guidance counselors are not considered classroom teachers.
Corporal punishment	Corporal punishment is paddling, spanking, or other forms of physical punishment imposed on a student.
Counselor	See <i>School counselor</i> .
Desegregation order or plan	A desegregation plan either ordered by a court or entered into with the Office for Civil Rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
Duplicated Counts	Counts by race/ethnicity by sex are unduplicated counts, i.e. a student is counted only once in the race/ethnicity rows. Where tables also contain rows for Students with Disabilities (IDEA), Section 504 only, or LEP, those counts are duplicate counts, except that a student cannot be counted under both Students with Disabilities (IDEA) and under Section 504 Only.
English language learners (ELL)	See <i>Limited English proficient (LEP)</i> .
Enrollment	See <i>Overall enrollment</i> .
Expulsion under zero-tolerance policies	Removal of a student from the school setting for an extended length of time because of zero-tolerance policies. A zero tolerance policy is a policy that results in mandatory expulsion of any student who commits one or more specified offenses (for example, offenses involving guns, or other weapons, or violence, or similar factors, or combinations of these factors). A policy is considered "zero tolerance" even if there are some exceptions to the mandatory aspect of the expulsion, such as allowing the chief administering officer of an LEA to modify the expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

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Expulsion with educational services	An action taken by the local educational agency removing a child from his/her regular school for disciplinary purposes, with the continuation of educational services, for the remainder of the school year or longer in accordance with local educational agency policy. Expulsion with educational services also includes removals resulting from violations of the Gun Free Schools Act that are modified to less than 365 days.								
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Finance data	<p>The following guidelines, taken from Form A of the instructions for the ARRA collection of school finance data for SY 2008-09, will be used for the 2011-12SY 2011-12 CRDC.</p> <p>In general, LEAs should report school-level expenditures that are associated with regular K-12 instruction, instructional support, pupil support, and school administration. More specifically, LEAs should report the following four categories of school-level expenditures from state and local funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel salaries at the school level for all school-level instructional and support staff, based on the Census Bureau's classification used in the F-33 survey of local government finances. • Personnel salaries at the school level for instructional staff only. • Personnel salaries at the school level for teachers only. • Non-personnel expenditures at the school level (if available). <p>Table A-1 shows the Census Bureau's classification of four types of school-level personnel that are involved in instructional and support functions, based on the F-33 survey of local government finances.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Table A-1</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Instruction</td><td>Includes teachers and instructional aides</td></tr> <tr> <td>Support services – pupils</td><td>Includes guidance counselors, nurses, attendance officers, speech pathologists, and other staff who provide support services for students.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Support services – instructional staff</td><td>Includes staff involved in curriculum development, staff training, operating the library, media and computer centers.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Support services – school administration</td><td>Includes principals and other staff involved in school administration</td></tr> </table> <p>Additional instructions for reporting school-level expenditures. LEAs should use the following in compiling school-level expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclude expenditures from federal program funds. However, a district may include funds from Impact Aid or from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) if the district is using those funds under the authority in Impact Aid. • Exclude expenditures from special education funds. • Exclude expenditures for programs that are not associated with regular K-12 instruction, instructional support, and school administration (e.g., preschool, adult education, and school nutrition programs). • Exclude programs that serve students from more than one school attendance area at a single school site (e.g., summer school programs sometimes are housed in a subset of the district's schools but serve students from throughout the school district). • LEAs may also exclude expenditures made by regional education agencies for school-level resources, if data on the amount of these regional agencies provided in individual schools is not currently available. <p>Salary expenditures. LEAs should use the following guidelines in compiling school-level salary expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include all types of salary expenditures, including not only base salaries but also incentive pay, bonuses, and supplemental stipends for mentoring or other roles. • Exclude expenditures for employee benefits. <p>Non-personnel expenditures. LEAs should include non-personnel expenditures associated with instruction, instructional support, and pupil support, and school administration, if this information is available at the school level. This may include the following types of expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development for teachers and other staff. 	Instruction	Includes teachers and instructional aides	Support services – pupils	Includes guidance counselors, nurses, attendance officers, speech pathologists, and other staff who provide support services for students.	Support services – instructional staff	Includes staff involved in curriculum development, staff training, operating the library, media and computer centers.	Support services – school administration	Includes principals and other staff involved in school administration
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FTE	Full-time equivalent – a measure of staffing that factors in the proportion of time a staff person serves (at the particular location). A staff person who is at a location for the entire day is 1 FTE at that location; a staff person who is at a location for a half day is 0.5 FTE at that location.																																										
Full-day kindergarten	A full-day kindergarten program is a program in which a child attends school each weekday for approximately six hours or more.																																										
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Full-time equivalent	See <i>FTE</i> .																																										
GED GEDTS	General Educational Development Testing Service. A testing program developed and delivered and controlled for quality by the American Council on Education to certify the high school-level academic achievement of national and international non-high school graduates. Upon review of the test results, an education or government agency may award a high school equivalency credential.																																										
GED preparation program	A program or course designed to prepare students to be successful on the five GED examinations. The CRDC survey item includes only GED preparation programs operated by the LEA.																																										
Geometry	Geometry is a course emphasizing an abstract, formal approach to the study of geometry, typically include topics such as properties of plane and solid figures; deductive methods of reasoning and use of logic; geometry as an axiomatic system including the study of postulates, theorems, and formal proofs; concepts of congruence, similarity, parallelism, perpendicularity, and proportion; and rules of angle measurement in triangles.																																										
Gifted/talented program	Programs during regular school hours offered to students because of unusually high academic ability or aptitude or a specialized talent or aptitude.																																										

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Harassment or bullying on the basis of disability	Disability harassment is intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on disability. Harassing conduct may take many forms, including verbal acts and name-calling, as well as non-verbal behavior, such as graphic and written statements, or conduct that is physically threatening, harmful or humiliating. The conduct can be carried out by school employees, other students, and non-employee third parties.
Harassment or bullying on the basis of race, color, or national origin	Racial harassment or bullying is intimidation or abusive behavior toward a student based on race, color or national origin. Harassing conduct may take many forms, including verbal acts and name-calling, as well as non-verbal behavior, such as graphic and written statements, or conduct that is physically threatening, harmful or humiliating. The conduct can be carried out by school employees, other students, and non-employee third parties.
Harassment or bullying on the basis of sex	Harassment or bullying on the basis of sex is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Harassment or bullying on the basis of sex also includes gender-based, nonsexual harassing conduct, such as harassment based on gender stereotyping. This conduct can be carried out by school employees, other students, and non-employee third parties. Both male and female students can be victims of sexual harassment, and the harasser and the victim can be of the same sex.
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
In-school suspension	Instances in which a child is temporarily removed from his or her regular classroom(s) for at least half a day but remains under the direct supervision of school personnel. Direct supervision means school personnel are physically in the same location as students under their supervision.
International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB)	The IB Diploma Program, sponsored by the International Baccalaureate Organization is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programmed of education with final examinations that prepares students, normally aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. The programmed is normally taught over two years. IB Diploma Program students study six courses at higher level or standard level. Students must choose one subject from each of groups 1 to 5, thus ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, the experimental sciences and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an arts subject chosen from group 6, or the student may choose another subject from groups 1 to 5. Additionally, IB Diploma students must meet three core requirements: the extended essay, the theory of knowledge course, and a creativity/action/service experience.
Interscholastic athletics	A sports program that offers competition between schools.
Interscholastic athletics sport	Distinct sports, such as football, basketball, soccer, tennis. Intramural sports and cheerleading are not considered interscholastic athletics sports.
Interscholastic athletics sports team	Each competitive-level team of each interscholastic athletics sport, such as freshman team, junior varsity team, varsity team. Intramural sports and cheerleading are not considered interscholastic athletics sports teams.
Interscholastic athletics sports team participant	A student who participates in an interscholastic sports team. Intramural sports and cheerleading are not considered interscholastic athletics sports teams.
K	Kindergarten
LEA	Local education agency
LEA membership	See <i>Total public school membership of the LEA</i> .
LEP	Limited English proficient. See <i>Limited English Proficient</i> .
LEP programs	English language instruction educational programs designed for LEP students.

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Limited English Proficient (LEP)	<p>In coordination with the state's definition based on Title 9 of ESEA, <i>limited English proficient</i> students are students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) who are ages 3 through 21; (B) who are enrolled or preparing to enroll in an elementary school or secondary school; (C) (i) who were not born in the United States or whose native languages are languages other than English; (ii) (I) who are a Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas; and (II) who come from an environment where languages other than English have a significant impact on their level of language proficiency; or (iii) who are migratory, whose native languages are a language other than English, and who come from an environment where languages other than English are dominant; and (D) whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the ability to meet the state's proficient level of achievement on state assessments described in section 1111(b)(3); (ii) the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English; or (iii) the opportunity to participate fully in society. <p>Limited English proficient students are also known as English language learners. The LEP row in survey items always refers to students who are limited English proficient under the above definition, regardless of whether the student is enrolled in LEP programs.</p>
M/F	In survey items requiring counts disaggregated by sex, M is used as the Column header for male and F is used as the column header for female.
Magnet school or program	A magnet school or program means a public elementary school, public secondary school, public elementary education center, or public secondary education center that offers a special curriculum capable of attracting substantial numbers of students of different racial backgrounds.
Mathematics (for the purpose of AP)	For the purposes of reporting Advanced Placement course participation by subject, <i>mathematics</i> includes calculus (AB and BC) and statistics. See also <i>Advanced Placement – subjects</i> .
Mechanical Restraint	<p>The use of any device or equipment to restrict a student's freedom of movement. The term does not include devices implemented by trained school personnel, or utilized by a student that have been prescribed by an appropriate medical or related services professional and are used for the specific and approved purposes for which such devices were designed, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive devices or mechanical supports used to achieve proper body position, balance, or alignment to allow greater freedom of mobility than would be possible without the use of such devices or mechanical supports; • Vehicle safety restraints when used as intended during the transport of a student in a moving vehicle; • Restraints for medical immobilization; or • Orthopedically prescribed devices that permit a student to participate in activities without risk of harm.
Membership	See <i>Total public school membership of the LEA</i> .
Non-personnel expenditures at school level	See <i>Finance data</i> .
Other academic subjects	For the purposes of reporting single-sex classes, <i>Other academic subjects</i> include history, social studies, foreign languages, and computer science.
Other mathematics	For the purposes of reporting single-sex classes, <i>Other mathematics</i> includes all mathematics courses except Algebra (I or II) and geometry. This includes both basic mathematics courses and college-preparatory courses.
Other subjects (for the purpose of AP)	For the purposes of reporting Advanced Placement course participation by subject, <i>other subjects</i> include all AP courses other than mathematics, science, and foreign language. AP computer science is included in "Other subjects." See also <i>Advanced Placement – subjects</i> .

Term	Definition
Out of school suspension	For students with disabilities (IDEA): Out-of-school suspension is an instance in which a child is temporarily removed from his/her regular school for disciplinary purposes to another setting (e.g., home, behavior center). This includes both removals in which no IEP services are provided because the removal is 10 days or less as well as removals in which the child continues to receive services according to his/her IEP. For students without disabilities and students with disabilities served solely under Section 504: Out-of-school suspension means excluding a student from school for disciplinary reasons for one school day or longer. This does not include students who served their suspension in the school.
Overall enrollment	The unduplicated count of students on the rolls of the school taken on a single date between September 27 and December 31, except that the count of students with disabilities (IDEA) should be as of the child count date. Students should be counted at the school where they actually physically attend. <i>See Attendance school.</i>
Participant on teams	<i>See Interscholastic athletics sports team participant.</i>
Passed AP exam	<i>See Advanced Placement test passing.</i>
Personnel salaries at school level – total	<i>See Finance data.</i>
Personnel salaries at school level – instructional staff only	<i>See Finance data.</i>
Personnel salaries at school level – teachers only	<i>See Finance data.</i>
Physical Restraint	A personal restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to move his or her torso, arms, legs, or head freely. The term physical restraint does not include a physical escort. Physical escort means a temporary touching or holding of the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder or back for the purpose of inducing a student who is acting out to walk to a safe location.
Physics	Physics courses involve the study of the forces and laws of nature affecting matter, such as equilibrium, motion, momentum, and the relationships between matter and energy. The study of physics includes examination of sound, light, and magnetic and electric phenomena.
Pre-K	Prekindergarten
Prekindergarten	Prekindergarten is a program for children younger than kindergarten age. For the purposes of the CRDC, early childhood or preschool programs or services are included in prekindergarten.
Prekindergarten Expulsion	The permanent termination of a prekindergarten child's participation in the prekindergarten program at this school or facility. Do not count children who were transitioned directly from the classroom to a different setting deemed to be more appropriate for the child (e.g., special education, transitional classroom, or therapeutic preschool program).
Prekindergarten Out-of-School Suspension	Prekindergarten out-of-school suspension is an instance in which a prekindergarten child is temporarily removed from his/her regular school for disciplinary purposes to another setting (e.g., home, behavior center). For children with disabilities this includes both removals in which no IEP or individualized family service plan (IFSP) services are provided because the removal is 10 days or less as well as removals in which the child continues to receive services according to his/her IEP or IFSP.
Public school	An institution that provides educational services and meets all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has one or more grade groupings (prekindergarten through 12) or is ungraded. • Has one or more teachers. • Is located in one or more buildings. • Has an assigned administrator(s). • Receives public funds as its primary support. • Is operated by an education agency. Public schools include charter schools that receive public funds from state or local government. Public schools also include alternative schools such as schools for students with academic difficulties or schools for students with discipline problems.
Public school membership	<i>See Total public school membership of the LEA.</i>
Race and ethnicity on the CRDC	For the SY 2011-12 CRDC, all LEA respondents are required to use the seven category methodology for reporting race and ethnicity. <i>See Race and ethnicity 7 categories.</i>

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Race and ethnicity – 7 categories	<p>In October 2007, the Department adopted new guidance for disaggregating counts by race and ethnicity. Education units must adopt the new methodology by SY 2010-11, and are encouraged to adopt the 7 category methodology as early as possible following the publication of the October 2007 guidance. For the SY 2011-12 CRDC, it is required for all LEAs to meet all of the requirements of the Department's 2007 Final Guidance on Maintaining, Collecting, and Reporting Racial and Ethnic Data to the U.S. Department of Education.</p> <p>The following is a simplified overview of the 7 category method, but is not the official regulation. For full official information, see the October 2007 guidance at: http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/other/2007-4/101907c.html</p> <p>The 7 category method has a procedure for collecting racial and ethnic data and a procedure for reporting racial and ethnic data.</p> <p>To collect the data, the agency must ask a two part question:</p> <p>(1) Are you Hispanic/Latino (Yes/No)</p> <p>(2) Select one or more races from the following five racial groups:</p> <p>(a) American Indian or Alaska Native</p> <p>(b) Asian</p> <p>(c) Black or African American</p> <p>(d) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p> <p>(e) White</p> <p>Once the data are collected, the education unit tabulates as follows.</p> <p>There are 7 reporting categories.</p> <p>1) Hispanic/Latino of any race</p> <p>And for individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino:</p> <p>2) American Indian or Alaska Native</p> <p>3) Asian</p> <p>4) Black or African American</p> <p>5) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p> <p>6) White</p> <p>7) Two or more races</p> <p>--If a student answered the first question "Yes" then that student is tabulated as Hispanic, even if the student checked one or more categories in response to the second question.</p> <p>--If a student answered the first question "No" and checked a single category for the second question, then that student is tabulated as the checked category from the second question.</p> <p>--If a student answered the first question "No" and checked more than one category for the second question, then that student is tabulated as "Two or more races."</p> <p>Note that the 7 category method does not employ a practice of allowing the student to check a box labeled "two or more races." Collections that employ such a method do not meet the Department's October 2007 Guidance.</p>
Referral to law enforcement	Referral to law enforcement is an action by which a student is reported to any law enforcement agency or official, including a school police unit, for an incident that occurs on school grounds, during school-related events, or while taking school transportation, regardless of whether official action is taken.
Retained	A student is retained if he or she is not promoted to the next grade prior to the beginning of the following school year. Students are not considered retained if they can proceed to the next grade because they successfully completed a summer school program or for a similar reason. At the high school level, a student who has not accumulated enough credits to be classified as being in the next grade is considered retained.
Retention	Retention refers to retaining a student in a grade. See <i>Retained</i> .
SAT	The SAT Reasoning Test (formerly the Scholastic Aptitude Test) sponsored by the College Board. The SAT is a nationally recognized assessment used to indicate college preparedness.
School counselor	Staff whose primary responsibility is to provide academic, career, or personal/social counseling to students. The CRDC survey item includes only counselors at the high school level.
School finance data	See <i>Finance data</i> .
School-related arrest	A school-related arrest is an arrest of a student for any activity conducted on school grounds, during off-campus school activities (including while taking school transportation), or due to a referral by any school official.

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School year cumulative count	A count that represents all occurrences within the regular school year, not including summer school following the school year.
Science (for the purpose of single-sex classes and for AP)	For the purposes of reporting single-sex classes, <i>science</i> includes general science courses as well as college-preparatory science courses such as biology, chemistry, and physics. For the purposes of reporting Advanced Placement course participation by subject, <i>science</i> includes biology, physics, chemistry, and environmental science. See also <i>Advanced Placement – subjects</i> .
Seclusion	The involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room or area from which the student is physically prevented from leaving. It does not include a timeout, which is a behavior management technique that is part of an approved program, involves the monitored separation of the student in a non-locked setting, and is implemented for the purpose of calming.
Second year of teaching	See <i>Year of teaching</i> .
Section 504	Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.
Section 504 only	See the definition of <i>Section 504</i> and for <i>Students with Disabilities Section 504 only</i> The “Section 504 only” column in survey items always refers to students with disabilities who are being provided with special education and/or related aids and services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and are NOT being provided with services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
Self-select	Self-selection is provided if a student can enroll in a course without a recommendation or any other criteria (except for a necessary course pre-requisite), even if some students are recommended or encouraged to take the course. Used for Advanced Placement courses.
Sexual harassment or bullying	See <i>Harassment</i> or <i>bullying on the basis of sex</i> .
Single-sex class	Single sex classes are academic classes in a co-educational school where only male students or only female students are permitted to take the class. If both male and female students are permitted to take a class, it is not a single-sex class. If the entire school is single sex (all-male or all-female students) the classes are not considered to be single-sex classes. Independent study is not considered a single-sex class.
Single-sex class by subject area	See <i>Algebra, Geometry, Other mathematics, Science, Other academic subjects</i> .
Sport	See <i>Interscholastic athletics sport</i> .
Student enrollment	See <i>Overall enrollment</i> .
Students with disabilities (IDEA)	Children (students) having mental retardation, hearing impairment including deafness, speech or language impairment, visual impairment including blindness, serious emotional disturbance (hereafter referred to as emotional disturbance), orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, developmental delay, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, are eligible to receive special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) according to an individualized education program, individual family service plan, or service plan. The “Students with Disabilities (IDEA)” column in survey items always refers to students with disabilities who are receiving services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
Students with disabilities – Section 504 only	An elementary or secondary student with a disability who is being provided with special education and/or related aids and services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is NOT being provided with services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The “Section 504 only” column in survey item always refers to students with disabilities who are being provided with related aids and services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and are NOT being provided with services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
Subject area (for single-sex classes)	See <i>Algebra, Geometry, Other mathematics, Science, Other academic subjects</i> .
Suspension	See <i>In-school suspension</i> and <i>Out-of-school suspension</i> .
Teacher	Provides instruction, learning experiences, and care to students during a particular time period or in a given discipline. See also <i>Classroom teacher</i> .
Teacher experience	See <i>Year of teaching</i> .
Teacher meeting all state licensing/certification requirements.	A teacher who has met all applicable state teacher certification requirements for a standard certificate- i.e., has a regular/standard certificate/license/endorsement issued by the state. A beginning teacher who has met the standard teacher education requirements is considered to meet state requirements even if he or she has not completed a state-required probationary period. A teacher with an emergency, temporary, or provisional credential is not considered to meet state requirements. State requirements are determined by the state.

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Team	See <i>Interscholastic sports team</i> .
Title VI	Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color, or national origin.
Title IX	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex.
Total public school membership of the LEA	Total public school membership includes all students that are under the responsibility of the LEA. This includes students with disabilities and students without disabilities. It includes early childhood, prekindergarten, kindergarten, all grades, and ungraded. It includes students in district facilities and students in non-district facilities such as intermediate units, residential facilities outside the LEA, social service agencies, and homebound/hospital students. It includes students in private schools if (and only if) they were placed there by the LEA for the purpose of providing free appropriate education (FAPE).
Unduplicated count	Counts by race/ethnicity by sex are unduplicated counts, i.e. a student is counted only one in the race/ethnicity columns. Where tables also contain columns for Students with Disabilities (IDEA), Section 504 only, or LEP, those counts are duplicate counts, except that a student cannot be counted under both Students with Disabilities (IDEA) and under Section 504 only.
Ungraded	A class that is not organized on the basis of age or grade grouping and has no standard grade designation.
Year of teaching	The number of year(s) of teaching experience including the current year but not including any student teaching or other similar preparation experiences. Experience includes teaching in any school, subject, or grade; it does not have to be in the school, subject, or grade that the teacher is presently teaching.
Zero-tolerance policies	A zero-tolerance policy is a policy that results in mandatory expulsion of any student who commits one or more specified offenses (for example, offenses involving guns, or other weapon, or violence, or similar factors, or combinations of these factors). A policy is considered “zero tolerance” even if there are some exceptions to the mandatory aspect of the expulsion, such as allowing the chief administering officer of an LEA to modify the expulsion on a case-by-case basis.